

Rev. A. A. Phelps

New York, Feb. 5/47.

Dear Brother,

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I rec^d yours of the last of Dec. some days since I was much rejoiced to hear of your safe arrival at Jamaica. The letter for Mrs Phelps was immediately forwarded to her, and I learn that she has received it.

We are all sorry that your health was no better. The inconveniences of a sea voyage, especially in transient vessels, to an invalid, and the fare of countries new to the traveller, are very great, and I do not wonder that they have been obstructions to you. We wait anxiously to know how well the adventurous parts of Jamaica agree with you. Until you can be relieved from the cough I do not see how you can be materially better. If it be God's will to afford you that relief I think your general health will improve. That you are disposed to submit to His righteous will, with cheerful resignation and confidence, gives me great satisfaction. My old friend, Josiah B. Felt, when taken with his last sickness would not suffer the attending clergymen to offer prayers that he might be required to die. "No, no," said B. Felt, "I am resigned to die - pray that I may be resigned to live." I may have mentioned this to you before, but I can not forbear stating it again, it was so characteristic of my friend B. Felt, and so truly Christian.

Mr Whipple goes on with the "American Missionary." Mr Kershaw took exception to the 2^d number, concerning that it was an attack upon the A. B. C. F. M. because Mr Merriek's letter in the B. Recorder was copied, &c. He told me that the W. J. brethren would withdraw to &c. I have heard from him since, and he is in a calmer mood. He says, however, that it is doubtful whether he returns to the W. J. &c. He has done our new Society no good, he can be no appeaser, sometimes as its apologist and sometimes as a denunciator. He & Mr Stovey collected 4 or 500 dls for the W. J. missions & that is about all they have done.

Mr Whipple is sufficiently cautious - performs a good spirit - and will fulfil the duties of editor & Cor. Sec. very satisfactorily I think. Donations came in as usual. There is a growing interest on behalf of the Association.

All our efforts, since you left, with regard to anti-slavery, have been directed to the Washington paper &c. Mr North, the Pub. agent, writes that he has about 8000 subscribers, including Dr Bailey's old sub. list. The new sub. is nearly full 4000, and are coming in fast. Five numbers of the paper have appeared. Some think there is not anti-slavery matter enough in it, and some object to some of the doctor's views on the Constitution, South &c., but he is finding his way along. Violence has been threatened at Washington, but there has been no overt act. And then apprehensions are pretty much at an end.

The donations for the general object are between 6 and 7000 dollars per year for 3 years, & it has cost 20 put or more to obtain these pledges. Mrs. Corn. & Leavitt give very little. The principal part is from New York, N. Jersey, Penn & Ohio.

The English brethren think that all they had best do is to subscribe for the paper liberally.

The Ex. Com. of the Amer. & For. Anti S. Soc. have printed their Remonstrances & Protest against the course pursued by the Evangelical Alliance in the subject of American Slavery. We have printed 1000 copies in pamphlet form, of which 350 are sent to London to be distributed there. The Remonstrance has been forwarded for publication in the Era. It was written by J. Leavitt, but was considerably ^{attended} by the Com.

The Americans who were in the Convention at London have had two meetings here - one of a sub. Com., and yesterday of the whole members. Eleven only attended the latter! Mr. Harris would to exclude slaveholders, but his motion was not recorded. Patton, Skinner &c said a distinction must be made, and they finally passed a resolution not to exclude slaveholders who hold slaves - not by their own fault, but agreeably to the law of love, &c. They then adjourned to May 4, intending to have a great meeting May 11th. Mr. Harris says all evangelical &c's will be admitted to the discussion. Patton said the English brethren would not exclude them with their modified resolution relating to slaveholders, &c.

The Legislators of N. Y. Penn, Ohio have passed with much unanimity Resolutions against the annexation of more territory with slavery. Preston King, dem. of this State has taken strong ground in Congress on the subject. The members from the free States generally are in favour of passing a Resⁿ that if new territory is acquired there shall be no slavery in it. The Southerners had rather the war would stop than consent to such a resolution or honest pap. There is some probability I think that this difference may bring about a speedy peace with Mexico. The Southerners are carrying it on for the purpose of extending the area of slavery, but they cannot accomplish that object they do not wish to prolong the war.

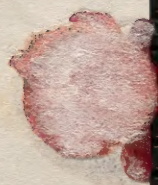
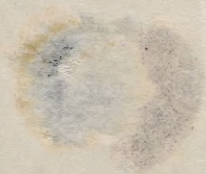
We learn that famine prevails in the north of Ireland to an alarming degree. The people are bestirring themselves here to send out provisions.

Adieu, my dear brother. I hope soon to have good news from you, and yet I can not but feel apprehensive.

If you have strength let me hear from you.

Such a thing would be a great blessing.

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